



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION MID-PACIFIC REGION

PUTAH RESOURCE AREA - LAKE BERRYESSA
5520 Knoxville Road
Napa, California 94558

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

OPERATIONAL POLICY NO. 10 (9/89 revised)

WOOD GATHERING AND CUTTING POLICY

1. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all land areas around Lake Berryessa that are administered by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).

2. AUTHORITY

Adopted pursuant to Public Law 93-493 which provides for Reclamation to administer the Federal land and water areas at Lake Berryessa in such a manner that will best enhance the recreation opportunities for the greatest number of people and still maintain an environmental balance with the other resources found around the lake.

3. DEFINITIONS

Excessive wood - Driftwood that has accumulated along the shoreline, up to the 450-foot elevation mark.

Hazardous wood - Tree(s), dead or dying, dead and down, diseased or healthy, that constitutes a safety or health hazard to the public or other tree(s).

4. GENERAL POLICY

Due to the limited land areas administered by Reclamation around the perimeter of Lake Berryessa, the availability of a sustaining source of desirable tree species for firewood supplies is minimal at best.

Reclamation's objective will be to (a) retain all woody species and (b) allow dead and dying, dead and down, or, diseased tree(s) to remain as wildlife habitat unless they constitute a safety or health hazard to the public or other tree(s).

Public wood gathering permits for Excessive Wood will only be issued to the general public when influxes of driftwood accumulates along accessible shoreline areas.

Hazardous Wood (as defined above) shall be cut and removed by Reclamation, to be sold in "lot sales" via public bid sale, unless it is determined that contracting out, via public bid sale is the most economical manner in which to sell and remove Hazardous Wood.

In concession areas, removal of dead and/or hazardous trees will be the responsibility of each resort. Utilization of the material may be by employees of the resort, tenants, or short-term users. Reclamation approval prior to removal of trees is required.

5. OPERATING PROCEDURES

- a. Individuals may obtain permit(s) for wood up to one (1) cord in any 1 year.
- b. The permit is to specify the exact location, the time period in which the wood is to be removed, and a definite termination date.
- c. Prime sources will be locations where accumulations of driftwood have collected along the shoreline, up to the 450-foot elevation mark.
- d. All wood gathered or obtained from Government lands administered by Reclamation, under permit, is to be for personal use only (not commercial). This does not apply to wood purchased via a public-bid sale.
- e. The attached permit will be issued to all who desire wood- gathering permits and who have not secured a permit within the last year.
- f. Special provisions: Space has been provided on the permit to allow additional conditions to be added if needed. For example, fire conditions may prohibit use of chain saws, wet weather may prevent vehicle access to available wood sources, etc.

APPROVED BY:

Recreation Manager, Lake Berryessa

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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
WOOD COLLECTION PERMIT

FOR OFFICE USE

Permittee (print) _____ Permit # _____

Date _____ to _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Driver's Lisc.# _____ Issued by: _____

Vehicle used for gathering wood:

Make _____ Model _____

Color _____ Lisc.# _____ State _____

Signed _____ Date _____

THE ABOVE SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE HAS
READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE REGULATIONS
CONTAINED WITHIN THIS PERMIT AND WILL COMPLY TO
THE CONDITIONS STATED THEREIN.

WOOD COLLECTION PERMIT

This permit authorizes the undersigned to collect one (1) cord of wood from Bureau of Reclamation lands surrounding Lake Berryessa at the site(s) depicted on the enclosed map, during the period of time for which the permit is issued only.

ALL WOOD COLLECTED MUST BE UTILIZED FOR NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHALL BE COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Permittee will gather only driftwood located below the normal full pool, elevation 450-foot mean sea level or as designated by the Recreation Manager.

2. Permittee will not disturb, harass, or injure wildlife populations utilizing the area.
3. Permittee will remove all equipment, debris, and material related to his operation and will not destroy, remove, or damage Federal property other than that authorized by this permit.
4. All operations will be conducted during daylight hours.
5. Chain saws must have approved spark arrestors as required by the California State Resources Code; and the undersigned fully acknowledges his responsibility for fires originating from his woodcutting operation. The permittee accepts responsibility for personal liability during the period when the use of a chain saw or vehicle occurs on any Government-owned land.

Chain saw(s) - Authorized_____Not Authorized

6. This permit is temporary and does not grant the permittee any permanent easement, right, or privilege and may be revoked or canceled by the Recreation Manager at Lake Berryessa without prior notice.
7. Permittee will notify the Recreation Manager, Lake Berryessa Recreation Office, prior to all wood-collecting activities.
8. Special provisions:

Permittee_____

Signature

Date